

Attica Aug 3^d 1853
Mr. E. Corns
Indianapolis

Sir

Some time ago I addressed a few lines to you in reference to your office Rent at Coalington to you I had Rec^d but a few dollars of the Rent since the 1st day of January last, and that I could not collect any thing out of the operators there they saying the Rents of the office did not pay their wages I could you not give me an order on the office at this place for the Rent

Yours with Respect
A. C. Porter

Pike Jan 4th 1853

Dear Sir

Perhaps you are tired of perusing my letters but I am of that kind of material that I must be doing something for idleness leads to crime & I am here without either way & you better believe I am bored & having a report to make I will improve the opportunity to write a few lines to pass away time

The line failed last evening east of me & you well know I cannot depend much on it therefore don't know where it is, I had ~~ok~~ this morn but his bat was very weak & I think we are crossed with R. R. wire for I can just perceive a ci but not enough to work the Magnet, I have sent my student east as far as An & will be ~~ok~~ as far as I am responsible soon and there will go another \$1.50 for horse hire which comes like pulling teeth but I never yet deserted my trust & I know of no other way to do

You may think I am rather familiar for a stranger but what is the difference if we are not acquainted now we may be at some future time & then we shall be on hand, please write me & let me know what the prospects are for this line doing any thing & whether I shall be share of my pay if I continue here, if not the sooner I leave the better for I am poorly able to work for nothing

Well my time is getting short and
my boy has got through before this
time & so when we will get Ok. I
know not for he can work just as
well with it down as up ---, ---,

Respectfully Yours

D. P. Gordon

NCB

pls tear off the slip on opposite
page & hand to M. C. Riggs & Pky
D.P.G.

D. P. Gordon
Jan 4, 1883

Cincinnati Jan 4th 1853

Mr E Cornell

Dr Sir

Per Express

I send you my Report for
December.

The Balance \$148.53

I hold subject your order

Respy Yours Geo B Emaw

Whereas the New York Albany & Buffalo Tel. Co. having agreed to take a lease of the New York & Western Union Tel. Co. of their telegraph line from N.Y. to Dunkirk for the period of 2 years at the rent of \$2000 per an with the privilege of extending the lease on same terms for 3 years beyond that period, and the same being in part for the benefit & advantage of the Western lines under the contrall of and in part the proprietorship of J. J. Spier.

In consideration of the premises and that said lease be taken it is agreed between the said N.Y. A & Bn Tel. Co. by T. S. Foxton their President & the said Spier as President of the E & B Tel. Co. as follows.

1. The said Company agree to maintain and keep in order that portion of the N.Y. & W.U. Tel. line lying between the City of New York and the Village of Danville & the said Spier agrees to maintain & keep in order that portion of the said line between Danville & Dunkirk, so that the whole line shall during the whole period of the leasing thereof be kept in usual working order.

2. One fourth of the rent which is to be paid for said line is to be paid by the line represented by the said Spier & the remaining $\frac{3}{4}$ are to be paid by the said N.Y. A & Bn Tel. Co., and such amounts shall be paid whenever by the terms of the lease the same shall become payable.

During every year that the said lease shall continue the parties to this agreement shall keep a faithful and accurate account of all the receipts & expenses upon the respective portions of the line, which each party to this agreement is to maintain, and if at the end of each year there shall be upon the said line any surplus of receipts over and above the expenditures, the same shall be divided between the parties to this agreement in the proportion of $\frac{3}{4}$ to the said N.Y. A & Bn Tel. Co. & $\frac{1}{4}$ to the said E & B Tel. Co.

4. During the continuance of this arrangement, the entire telegraph business coming over the N.Y. A & Bn Tel. Co. from points east of Buffalo & destined to points west of that

place shall be given to the E & M Tel. Co and in like manner
the business coming from points west of Ben over the Still
Tel line & destined to points east of Ben shall be given
to the N.Y. & H. Tel. Co. excepting such communications
as are answers to messages rec'd from Ohio Tel. Co.
Dated Jan^y 6, 1853 -

J. J. Spud Jr
Pres't Still Tel. Co
T. S. Haxton Pres't
N.Y. & H. Tel. Co

Witness
E. Chapman

It is claimed that the above contract was
modified by a letter from J. J. Spud Jr to
T. S. Haxton dated Detroit Feb 7, 1853

" I rec'd a letter from Hopkins about repairs on my
line here and answered him that he might
consult you, and if you was willing to have him
do so, he might make such repairs, as you
choose to direct, and I will pay one quarter
without reference to any division of the
line at Danville

It will simplify his accounts to consider
it all as one line, but if you prefer it, he will
have to keep his repairs separate. I paying west
of Danville and you East, I have written Hopkins
to make no repairs, not necessary to keep the line
up, on my end, but if you choose to let
me pay 1/4 of the expenses, you may order
just such repairs made as you think proper
and I will pay my 1/4 Most of the poles will
do to ~~reset~~, and in many places half the poles
can be left out. By using our blocks and
glafes they can be nailed on trees in
some places and save expense of poles

To T. S. Haxton
Utica

J. J. Spud Jr

Mr E. Chapman Says that Mr Hoxton
accepted this proposition of Speed and
have ch^d E & M Pl. Co $\frac{1}{4}$ of rent
and $\frac{1}{4}$ of expense of repair whether by
repairs or by office in sending
out to an extra wine =

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July to June 1853	1.882.74
July to December 1853	2.433.74
January to June 1854	2.804.32
July to Decem ^r — "	2.014.61
January to June — "	1.457.69
July to Decem ^r — "	953.20
16-31 January 1856	223.67
	<u>11.769.97</u>

July 20	d	178.96
July 31	d	250.00
"	d	128.44
Oct 31	d	169.59
1856		
Feb 1	d	125.00
"	d	86.76
		<u>2,696.16</u>

Bali — 702.68

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Feb 1. To Bali 702.68

Mr E. Chapman says that Mr Hoxton
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 have ch^d E & M Tel. Co 1/4 of rent
 and 1/4 of expense of repairs whether by
 repairing or by office in sending
 out to an interview =

Office of the New York, Albany & Buffalo Electro Magnetic Telegraph Company,

Thurs. Tel. Co

Albino,

1855

in favor of N.Y. & B. E.M. Tel. Co

1853	DD	1855	
June 30	Em Repairs ^{from Albany}	178.79	Oct 19 - Refd - 442.01
— 30	Em Rent	208.33	Dec 8 — — 237.00
July 31	Em Rep & Rent	54.89	¹⁸⁵⁴ July 6 — — 300.00
Oct 31	—	236.94	¹⁸⁵⁵ July 6 — — 646.88
Dec 11	d ^{from Albany}	211.56	— — Ref: — 6.65
¹⁸⁵⁴ Jan 31	d	53.68	— — 86.11
Oct 31	d ^{from Albany}	780.89	May — Refd Off 360.97
¹⁸⁵⁵ Feb 20	d	178.96	
July 31	d ^{from Albany}	250.00	
" "	d ^{from Albany}	128.24	
¹⁸⁵⁶ Oct 31	d ^{from Albany}	169.59	
Feb 1	d ^{from Albany}	125.00	Ref: — 702.68
" "	d ^{from Albany}	86.76	
		<u>2,696.16</u>	<u>2,696.16</u>
Feb 1	To Bal:	702.68	

Dear Sir

I have been
gone so long that
I must go West.

Anything you and
Cornell may agree
to do, I will ratify
on my part -

Respectfully
Yours
Wm J Butterfield
Albany 7 Jan'y 1853

C. Sanfordville 7 Aug. 1853

Wm. Cornell,

Dear Sir, The line has been down so long between "B" & "L" it would not be strange if you should want an explanation from me.

Wednesday it got down east of me & I sent out; My regular hand was not in town, but I got a man who said he had repaired the line frequently at Berckmonte, & his horse got away from him before he got through & he followed him to town without fixing it, I sent out early next morning a man who has been repairing ever since the line was first put up & he found it so badly broken, he could not get it up till nearly night, while he was gone the line got down north of me

having no work but those that were
 done I had to wait till next morning
 before I could go or send my men
 found the wire down & broke for a
 long way so had to return to get
 more wire, I went out ^{with} my
 carpenter Jim thoroughly there
 first returned & asked about
 the line still down east, it was too
 late to stop tonight - it being
 nearly dark but it will be
 fixed early in the morning.
 I have never known the
 line to get into worse condition
 than now ~~the~~ ~~wire~~ down mostly
 mostly as soon as I could
 get one place fixed it would
 be down in another, both ends
 working in this way —

I have only one set of tools
but need several like to have another
set very much, so that in case
like this I could go out on one
and send out the others.
Will you please write me or
telegraph where I can procure
them, I

Yours Respectfully

J. S. Moore

New York 25 - Jan 7 1853

Hon. F. O. J. Smith
Portland

Sir -

With the view of closing up
the old matters of the N Y & N E Telegraph Co - I
wrote to Mr. Hoopes. Counsel at. Boston. to ask if
the suits previously pending between the Paris Line
and yourself had been closed - as well as the
other suit I believe brought in the name of
Cornell. He replies that the former mentioned
suit has been taken from the docket - but
the other not - and that you had stated to
him that it was to remain for the present
as it is - Will you please instruct him
to have it also taken from the docket - and
you will also oblige me by a line stating the
fact of your having done so

In haste - Yours Very Respectfully

Marshall Lippitt. Pres.

Mr. Cornell - I enclose you
Mr. Lippitt's letter about the suit
standing in your name in the
Moss, & S. Court, v. Prescott - I have
called on him, & see if it can be
adjusted. It was not embodied in
my settlement, as I did not sup-
pose I had authority to abandon it.
I think if you propose to discontinue
it, or settle paying the Offi costs, he
will do it - That should be satisfac-
tory I think.

Yours respectfully
T. J. Smith

E. Cornell Esq
New York City

Narrowsburg Jan 7th 83

E Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

Yours of the first was duly received, but learning that you had left the city I have not answered you til now - If there is any prospect of the anticipated arrangements being made I should very much like to obtain the situation you speak of, and I know of no one who would have more influence in obtaining it for me than yourself -

From the fact that I have done nearly all of my telegraphing under you and you know me perfectly well, besides your extensive acquaintance among Tel men - If you will let me rent the prospects of renting the line to Faxon I will make application for the supte of it, and possibly through your influence and that of O. B. Woods I may succeed - I am alone in this office now Shepard having ^{been} removed to Deposit - I consequently have my hands full -

I should propose that in case we rented the line, that the proceeds go to pay the present debts of the Co^y - which I presume would be the intention of all - Please reply

Yours very Respectfully

J. A. Hopkins

Athens Pa Jan 4/53

E N. Leister

Post by Mr U. S. Co.

I write to know
if you own the line from Seneca to Elmira
& if you control the N.Y. & W. Road line
If such is the case I wish to know if I can
make an arrangement with you by which
I can run a wire on the Erie R. Road poles from
Elmira to Marvick thence to this place on poles
let by myself say four miles below the Marvick
Depot. I want it for my own use
than from an expectation of profit. Please
write me on right of this in relation to this
when & where I could see Mr Cornell your
superintendent shall be at the Star House by
about the 16th inst.

Yours truly

C. F. Wells Jr

New York Jan^y 11, 1858

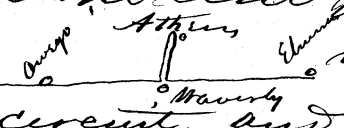
Dear Sir,

Mr Chester rec^d your favour of the 8th inst and handed it to me this morning to answer, you,

The New York & Western Tel Co does not own the line from Elmira to Canandaigua ~~and have no desire to owing to the~~
~~frail manner in which it has been~~
~~constructed~~, The parties who built it have made several propositions to interest us in it, but they are trespassers on the patent, and the line cannot be made to pay expenses even if they had the right of Patent untill entirely rebuilt. It is not paying expenses now while now ^{and must soon require a large outlay for repairs.}
our ^{and} Company have the right to put wires on the Erie RR poles and ^{an} making arrangements to put a wire from Ny to Dunkirk on those poles ~~expansely~~ to accommodate the RR towers,

Such a wire put up in the best manner will cost about \$25,000 which sum we desire to raise by subscription at the towers where we locate the offices, and shall offer the parties stock in our company for the amount of their

subscriptions, or credit them for the amount on our books to be repaid to them in telegraphing if they prefer to do so. The increase of capital for this wire will make our aggregate capital about \$130,000 and we estimate that the increased facilities that this wire will give us will enable us to pay 7% at dividend, and the increase of business will soon make it a good 10% at stock.

I see no objection to making arrangements by which your place will be accommodated with telegraphic facilities in this way. Say we double the line from Maverly to Athens. Thus,  which will bring Athens in the circuit, and give them all the advantages of being in the main line.

If the Citizens of Athens will take ^{3/4} the receipts of the office ~~for~~ to pay for working it, leaving ^{1/4} to pay expense of General repair & use of capital it would be satisfactory to the Company.

The cost doubling the wire from Maverly to Athens would be about \$60, per mile. Instruments at Athens \$60, in all for 4 miles \$300. The poles that you mention as being erected by you if suitable to support 2 wires we would take in at an allowance of \$1. each say if 30 to the mile as I suppose they are \$120. for the 4 miles —

We contemplate the establishment of 50 offices
on this wire between New York & Dunkirk
this will put all the stations of any im-
portance on the RR in telegraphic con-
nection, and greatly relieve our through
wire which would be congested ~~at~~
the 4 or 5 larger towns on the route
but used mainly for the western business.
I may be at Haverly in a few days and if
so I will call on you. If in N.Y. on
the 16th I will call on you at the Astor
House

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

C. F. Wells, Jr Esq

Sept

Montreal 8th January 1853

Dear Brother

Ogden Jan 8 1853
Yours of the 1st is recd. I should have answered it yesterday but was busy trying to get the Troy line cropping up - the ice is still shoving and went down the river in the channel to day before our men got to shore. We succeeded with the stretch nearest the city - which is much the most difficult.

The railway depot with me is chiefly a matter of dollars and cents - if it is so located that it would improve the value of my property I should more than it would other village property. I should be inclined to be very liberal but if the location does not increase its value any more than other village property I would not give them a free right of way - if located near my land I think I could afford to give the right of way - I should be glad to know where it will be if located between Cascadilla & Fall Creek - let me know if you can tell - Is it absolutely certain that the road will be built soon, and how soon, I have heard very little about it - Will you be in NY between the 20th and 30th Jan I intend visiting Utica about that

time and will go to N.Y. if I can see and learn enough to make it pay - I don't know whether I should be able to go home for a day or two or not - We are cutting out a great deal of work for next year - You appear to doubt the propriety of reducing our rates so low - We were not intimidated to do it by our opposition as we feel more sanguine every day that it will amount to nothing. A year ago we reduced from 50 to 40 cts and from 34 cts to 25 cts and have made more money since the reduction than before - still our line is not strained to its utmost capacity - why not then reduce 25 per cent more? I expect to see the day when we shall have up a second wire and send every thing under 200 miles for 10 cents & all over 200 for 15 or 20 cts and still make 10 per cent dividends - My own opinion is judging from the statements that I have seen of other lines that they do not get above $\frac{2}{3}$ as much work done upon their wires as may be done even with our present system of telegraph - The error in your management is, that you do not employ a more efficient corps of operators, and do not exhibit sufficient activity in making repairs - From Cornwall to Larchmont a distance of 270 miles we have only 2 intermediate stations & can have no

more - unless we keep them for repairing stations -
it is very rarely that our line is down over
3 or 4 hours & often not over 2 hours - It is of
the greatest importance in our business to keep
a good reputation, if you make your line
reliable the public will depend upon you &
give you their business - You will find our
tariff in an advertisement sent to Donald Mann,
our through rates are not altered for business
from the U.S. - You will not require to keep your
book back for changes in Tariff as ~~a~~ weeks
will not pass but what some change will
take place - If it is quite convenient to
you I wish you would send me one of
your new Caps also one of Seferetts -
I have recently rec'd a letter from F. J. Smith
who recommends Seferetts - Buell was here a
few days ago and he speaks well of them.
Don't be in any particular hurry about the
medicine but send it when you can catch
Dr Shepard at home - You do not tell
me where to address you therefore I suppose
I must send it where your letter came from,
You don't appear to be posted up on the subject
of Postage between Canada & the U.S. or between
the U.S. & Canada - by putting on your three
cent stamp they destroy it & charge us ten
cents for the letter when it reaches here

which is the same as if your stamp had not been
put on - it is necessary that the postage should
be paid in full or not at all to prevent loss -
therefore when you write to me pay nothing &
save your stamps - I want very much to know
who makes the best Nitric Acid without reference
to the cost - I want the best & a good deal
of it - unless you get your magneto Electrical
Batteries at work - Julia is almost sick
with a severe cold she writes in wishing
you a ~~very~~ Happy New Year - Will it pay
to go or send a delegate from Canada
to your Telegraphic Convention 5th March
or will the business be chiefly inaugurating
the President - We have had almost
no winter at all yet and it is thawing
fast to night - Father speaks in his
last letter about Alongo & his wife being
at his house - Is it you Alongo?
I have had no intimation that he
was to be married - Write again
quickly or I shall be off upon my
tour - Our Annual meeting takes place
on the 11th or 12th next - a week from to-morrow.
What do you think of Gavitt's insulator -
the Bain folks pretend to work with it -
when no other line can

E. Cornell Esq

Yours Very Truly J. S. Wood

E. W. Churton Esq

Dear Sir I have submitted
your specification to our Board with Mr. Larned's
assent as he called it (that was to say
the gem with the penalty of 3 Mow), and
they have authorized me to take a Letter
I will be in N.Y. about the 15th inst
and expect a Letter with you to take
effect on Monday the 17th if you please
My time is very much taken
up but at present I am writing the Birn
Line, hope to be all thought soon
Very respectfully yours
J. F. Johnson

Buffalo, Jan'y 8th 1853-

Ithaca 8 Jan 1853

Mr E. Cornell

Dr Sir

Allow me to congratulate you upon your success in leasing the line to Mr Paxton. The result in my opinion will be decidedly to our advantage in having the line ~~put in~~ thorough repair. which we have not the means at present to do our selves.

I do not know what Mr Paxton's intentions are in regard to working the line. but if it could be so arranged I should like a situation under Mr Paxton. if you think there is a prospect and if I could effect any thing by coming to New York ^{to see him} it will do so. please answer at your earliest convenience and much oblige

Yours Respectfully
Mae S. Tichenor

P.S. Please address letter

to Jefferson Cheung Co.

If you have not time to write please let me know by telegraph

Services Station
 Putnam Co.
 Jan 9 9/53

Mr Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

I enclose a sketch of the farm in which I think of settling. I thought you could possibly give me some information as to whether the Government is holding in for the Government - and should be glad to hear from you when you return & opportunities to obtain the desired information will permit -

I am very soon there, and by the time that we shall be able to see him I shall be a full advertisement in the Eastern States & on a West part of the State. I have advised him to close up the advertisement -

Permanent advertisement in the Eastern States & on a West part of the State. I have advised him to close up the advertisement - I am very soon there, and by the time that we shall be able to see him I shall be a full advertisement in the Eastern States & on a West part of the State. I have advised him to close up the advertisement -

J. J. Schickel

Please note on the enclosed any information we are to receive -

BATT'S N. Y. STATE TELEGRAPH.

OFFICE, 29 WALL-STREET.

THIS LINE, forming the connecting link in the "GREAT ATLANTIC, LAKE AND MISSISSIPPI TELEGRAPH RANGE," and connecting with all the vast O'Reilly lines, (over 6,000 miles,) is now completed and in perfect working order, with double wire from New York to Buffalo.

No RESPONSIBILITY is assumed by this Company, beyond the exercise of *due diligence and good faith* in the transmission of messages, but their best exertions will be used to forward communications directed to any point beyond the terminus of their own line, which is in the city of Buffalo.

TARIFF OF CHARGES:

From N. York to	For ten Words.	Each addit. Word.	From N. York to	For ten Words.	Each addit. Word.	From N. York to	For ten Words.	Each addit. Word.
Newburgh, . . .	20 cts.	1 ct.	Fort Plain, . . .	30 cts.	2 cts.	Palmyra, . . .	40 cts.	3 cts.
Rondout, . . .	20 "	1 "	Herkimer, . . .	30 "	2 "	Rochester, . . .	40 "	3 "
Kingston, . . .	20 "	1 "	Utica, . . .	30 "	2 "	Brockport, . . .	40 "	3 "
Saugerties, . . .	20 "	1 "	Syracuse, . . .	40 "	3 "	Medina, . . .	40 "	3 "
Catskill, . . .	20 "	1 "	Oswego, . . .	40 "	3 "	Lockport, . . .	40 "	3 "
Coxsackie, . . .	20 "	1 "	Watertown, . . .	40 "	3 "	Buffalo, . . .	40 "	3 "
Albany, . . .	30 "	2 "	Ogdensburg, . . .	40 "	3 "	Cooperstown, . . .	40 "	3 "
Troy, . . .	30 "	2 "	Auburn, . . .	40 "	3 "	Cherry Valley, . . .	40 "	3 "

J. McKINNEY, Secretary.

M. LEFFERTS, President.

New-York *Jan 10 1852*

This Dispatch has just been received from *Utica*

To E Cornell
29 Wall

Mr Butterfield

goes west today in consequence of your not finding matters as you expected he thinks you had better not take any interest in the stock above anything to do with it
Y P Gardner

MORSE'S AMERICAN TELEGRAPH.

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To Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee,
and other Cities and Towns, North, West, and South West,

Office 2¹ Wall St., 4th door from Broadway.

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TO THE FOLLOWING STATIONS.

	First ten words	Each word added		First ten words	Each word added		First ten words	Each word added
Carmel and C. Falls	25	2	Canajoharie	37	3	Auburn	50	4
Po'keepsie	25	2	Amsterdam	37	3	Waterloo	50	4
Hudson	25	2	Little Falls	37	3	Geneva	50	4
Valatie	25	2	Utica	37	3	Canandaigua	50	4
Albany	37	3	Rome	37	3	Rochester	50	4
Troy	37	3	Oneida Depot	37	3	Batavia	50	4
Schenectady	37	3	Syracuse	50	4	Buffalo	50	4

For Rates of Charge to more distant Stations please call at the Office.

WRITE PLAINLY—give FULL ADDRESS and SIGNATURE—USE NO FIGURES except date and number of street. PAY IN ADVANCE except for answers to communications, on which is written "ANSWER PAID." Communications destined for lines connecting with this, will be promptly delivered to the connecting Line, after which this Company will not be responsible for any remissness in transmission or otherwise. OFFICE HOURS, from 8 A. M. to 8 P. M.

New York, Jan 11 1853

By Telegraph from Utica

To C. Cornell

My,

I cannot do anything about the
stock before Mr Buttafield returns. When
he left, he intended to negotiate in it,
J. V. P. Gardiner

(D.S.)

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New York, Jan 12 1853

By Telegraph from Utica

To E. Cornell

N.Y.

If you can manage to get the refusal of the stock til Saturday Mr Faxon will be in N.Y. & we will ~~arrange~~ arrange it as you wished
Answer.

J. V. P. Gardner

Isaac G. Pichener

Jan 12/53

Mr. E. Connelly

Dear Sir

Jefferson Jan 12/53

I have just received yours. in answer to my former communication.

That this line has labored under very many disadvantages. any one with half an eye can not help but see. of the two classes of Enemies you speak of. it seems to me the open enemies have been the worst. the reason is obvious. of the former stockholders many were men of influence and standing in society. men who should have never let their prejudices run away with their better judgement. of this number many may now be classed with the open enemies of the line. the influence they possessed with their friends and neighbors has been brought to bear against the line and against you. conspicuous among this number could be mentioned one in particular. who you will recollect I came in contact with in the western part of this state. while I was out upon

the line. His influence was brought to bear against the line and particularly against you the first I knew. I was attacked in a Barr Room because I dared to advance my opinion that you was wrongfully charged and for full one hour did I alone defend you and the line from the abuses of these perfect strangers to me. now what set this whole town in commotion and made them so bitter against you and the line - I answer One man who he was you know as well as I, this is but one instance many more could be named but you of course know much more than I do about it.

Again then are those with whom you have been unfortunate enough to share some difficulty, who are not now connected with the line and who (I think) were never stockholders to the amount of a farthing, who up to this day are railing out against the line and you and it is but a few days since I heard of ~~some~~ of his remarks at ~~Sturac~~ although he does not reside there now. Thank Heaven, when Mr Saxton does take possession of the line their mouths will be closed effectually closed, and they will be compelled to acknowledge that you have at last accomplished what they so often declaimed you could not do, of the class of faint hearted minds. I do not know what to say, nor can I imagine to whom

you allude. my first impression was. that it was a slight ~~hint~~ at father or myself. But I can not nor will not believe this. for no one could be so base and unprincipled as to intimate to you that either of us had been faint hearted or had professed friendship for the purpose of flattery ~~you~~; you have evidence enough before your eyes that this is not true. and it is foolish for me to comment further on such an idea.

I do not believe the man lives who could have (under the same circumstances) and with the same opposition managed this affair from beginning to end as well as you have. an unyielding wife and an Iron will have accomplished what has seemed impossible. I do not say this as flattery or any thing of the sort for no one ever knew me guilty of that. But I say what I have said to father time and again. and what I sincerely believe

that you have had too much upon your mind. seems to me to be equally true. too much has rested upon you. and could you have had some faithful and trust worthy helper. much anxiety & trouble might have been saved you. and you would undoubtedly been able to work to much better advantage. at the expiration of the lease it is evident the line must be in much better condition than at present

if Mr Tipton puts it in thorough repair which I suppose he intends to do. There are several bad places which need repairs. some of which I should have done myself had I not been ~~off~~ at this office

In addition to a general put I suppose it will be necessary to have a put of repairs for either the whole line. or one for each division. when I wrote to you before in regard to a situation I had reference to this. having had some experience in repairing myself. and having been sometime on the line I thought that I might be able to fill this office with some degree of satisfaction to Mr Tipton. and being unacquainted with him myself and knowing that you well acquainted with him as well as Mr Tipton. I ventured to ask as a favor that you would mention it to him. which I would like very much if you would do. should he see fit to give me such an office I should endeavor on my division. to keep the line in thorough repair and see that the line in case of a break was up with as little delay as possible. if you can find time I should like you to answer this and let me know if it would be advisable to see Mr Tipton in New York if so I will come down. I received the pass you sent me for one year.

Allow me once more to congratulate upon your success in leasing the line and for your unceasing exertions in endeavoring to serve the Co and believe me I remain as ever
Yours truly Isaac S. Tichenor

Watertford Erie Co. Pa

July 12th 1853

Friend Cornwell - I am on the ground to put up the poles between here & Erie. have made something of a wire & shall go ahead with it not a doubt remaining. It will be a tight squeeze, but I shall do it anyway. So send on the wire

How are you getting along? How are you any one in D's? I have not been able to reach him since I was there - My horse is in the best order, working all the time to Sinclairville first office on Erie this side D's - I received from D's battery, I did get him last evening, had a mess for him, but he said too busy to take it, Am refuse from 2 to 5 dollars per day at P. for my horse to send all

My business via P. O. Kelly - even
from the State of N.Y. D.B. office is
& always has been a curse to us in
word & so I am annoyed at
on Erie & Buf & N.Y. business
I would ~~very much~~ make a change
there. but for your request
not to at present. While I was at
Pa. my firm got down east of
Waterford. while all the Lake business
were down. if my boys had
put it up we might have made
hundreds out of it. It would
have been of great advantage to all
of us if this little piece between
here & Erie had been up.

About D.B. Cant you send
some business there for a while
I have 3 or 400. to raise up 3 months
besides putting up this land to Erie

or I would ~~very much~~ send
some one to D.B. - we might do
something pretty fair if I could
get D.B. whom wanted & your
firm could do the business. as
at at present, ~~however~~, I can do
comparatively nothing. My firm
is like a bridge in the middle of a
stream without ends. when your
firm cant do my business, what
say you. write me here & let
me know how you are getting
along. & what you are about
in N.Y. how you. & ~~however~~ ^{H. O. Kelly}
& C. our law firm.

Respectfully

W. P. New

New York & Western Union Telegraph Co
 To John A. Taus Duger *Jm*

To Services as operation at Dunkirk
 from Oct 12, 1852 To Jan 3, 1853
 at \$40.00 per month 106 64
 " Cash expended for Repairs and office
 expenses and cash paid to
 O. Reilly and House Lines. 14 04 120 70
 Contra
 By Cash rec'd for messages at Dun-
 kirk office 32 34
 " Cash rec'd of E. Cornell 10 00 42 34
 Leaving balance due me \$ 78 36
 January 12, 1853 Lfs error 207
 76.29

J. S. Tichenor Esqr
 I have herewith
 enclosed my bill as required by Mr.
 Cornell, and need hardly say that
 the little balance due me would
 be exceedingly acceptable just at
 this time

Yours etc
 John A. Taus Duger

54 Wall St N. Y. Jan. 12. 1853

B. Loder Esqr

Pres E. R. R. Co

Dear Sir,

You made a suggestion last summer at the time of our making the contract with your Company, in relation to employing our Company to do your telegraphing on your R. Road. I think such an arrangement might be mutually beneficial. It would save you no inconsiderable trouble, & we are quite sure we could do the business more satisfactorily than your employees. Your Company, its officers & employees, have an abundance to do without embarking in telegraphing - a business foreign to them. Those who devote themselves to that pursuit or calling can of course do the business more efficiently, you must necessarily leave this business to them. ^{to them.} Whether your present mode, or a copartnership with our Company is best is worthy of consideration. We are contemplating putting up a wire on your poles. If you will make an estimate of the cost to you of your telegraphing & allow us the amt we will take the responsibility. I have conferred with Mr. Cornell on this subject, & if you choose to entertain the subject he will enter into a negotiation with you, & consult with you on the details at any convenient time you may appoint.

Further than this it is of no inconsiderable importance to your company that better telegraph facilities should exist along the line of your Road, not only for the people on the road but for those in the West. Without some arrangement like that ~~now~~ suggested we cannot afford to establish & keep up a suitable number of offices. With such an arrangement abundant facilities can be given along the whole line.

We have ~~been~~ contracted to lease our present line to Dunkirk to ~~Lafayette~~ the New York & Buffalo company. This gives them the right to the through business, ~~but not~~ to the local on the ~~Rail Road~~ where

New York Jan^y 12th 1853

Wm Loder Esq

Post N.Y. & R.R.

Dear Sir

You suggested to me last summer that when we got our wires on the Rail Road you would like to make an arrangement with us to work your line, under the ~~condition~~ ^{provision} that we could work it in connection with our own at less expense than you could work it yourself. That suggestion induces me to write to you now on the subject of another wire on the Rail Road

We find as now situated with but one wire over which we must pass our through business for the west, and the local ^{business} between N.Y. and the way offices and between the way offices, ~~there~~ we cannot do justice to our western business and compete successfully with the line via Albany & Buffalo, we are therefore compelled to allow the business from our western line to be sent to N.Y. via Buffalo & Albany instead of sending over the line from Dunkirk to N.Y. The protection of our western line from unequal competition demands this sacrifice on the part of the line from N.Y. to Dunkirk, and causes a loss to this line of at least \$20,000 of business per annum.

With two wires between New York & Dunkirk we could do the local business so much better than we now can as to largely increase it and we could retain possession of the \$20,000 of business with the west that we now send via Buffalo & Albany of necessity.

On the route from ~~NY~~ to Buffalo via Albany there is 7 wires at work, 5 owned by the old company using the Morse instrument & 2 by the House Company. The year ago when there was but one line of two wires on that route the yearly receipts for telegraphing over that line was \$55,000, it having increased from \$41,000 the total receipts over the same line 3 years previous and the first year they commenced business.

The receipts of all the lines on the same route for the year just ended ~~\$125,000~~ \$125,000—

Our Erie & Michigan with two wires from Buffalo to ~~Albany~~ and one wire from Cleveland to Milwaukee has received \$60,000 the past year the receipts for the same line for the year previous were \$40,000 showing an increase of fifty per cent for the last year, and that without any additional outlay for working expenses. The rapid development of the western States through the agency of Rail Road and other facilities will continue to increase the telegraph business in nearly if not quite the same ratio that is exhibited above.

It is unquestionably a business worthy the

attention of Capitalist. I hold it equally true that it is for the interest of the New York & Erie Rail Road Company to have a good and efficient telegraphic communication for public business along the line of their road, as every facility of the kind will add to the business and profits of the road.

The question then arises whether the N.Y. & E. Co. can aid us in any way to get up an other wire and thus establish a line equal to the business and worthy of the route.

The cost of such a line of wire of the very best quality and put on the Rail Road poles in the most substantial manner with the most perfect insulation would be about \$21,000 with instruments & batteries for 50 offices. There are not that number of towns along the road where there would be telegraph business enough to pay the expense of working the office independent of the Rail Road business but if the same person attended to both it would pay to have an instrument for public business wherever the Railroad Co found it necessary to have one. It follows then that if we could make a bargain with the Railroad Company to work their instruments ^{as efficiently as they are now worked} in connection with our own we could work them at a less sum than it now costs the company to do it, and without such

a contract we could not sustain such a large number of offices, unless we could make a bargain with the Railroad Company to work our offices at an expense that the receipts would cover. If we could have enter upon some arrangement by which the object above alluded to could be secured I would then more readily enter upon the task of raising funds to put up the wire, a portion of which I think can be obtained along the line from parties who desire better telegraphic facilities—

In order to relieve me from the management of the present wire from N.Y. to Dunkirk, so that I can devote myself to the general improvement of our telegraph interest we have leased the line to the "New York Albany & Buffalo Telegraph Company" for two years, and give them our connection for western business via Buffalo for the same period.

I desire to improve the facilities on the Erie Railroad route during the existence of this lease, so that we can turn all the business this way at the expiration of the lease that we can command at the west,

Copy to book

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Hudson	25	2	Little Falls	37	3	Geneva	50	4
Valatie	25	2	Utica	37	3	Canandaigua	50	4
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New York, Jan 13 1853

By Telegraph from Cleveland

To E. Cornell N.Y.

May I depend on your
being at our meeting at
Columbus on Tuesday Wednesday
the 25th & 26th. I will pay
all expenses. Answer,
J. H. Wade.

D.A.

Ans. It has
Doubt. When did the Superintendent enquire for
the dispatch, how came he to know of
this particular dispatch?

Ans. I do not know anything about it, when
he did, nor what made him enquire-

Copy of the copy of the dispatch, referred to
in the deposition-

" C. C. Hudson } Painesville June 14/53
Meadville } Copy J. D. Operator
pa

Merchants lots forty. If
you can't buy get their lowest price and reply
here this afternoon Cleveland this evening
19 p. Randall & B. "

[Jan 14, 1853]

Joel Doolittle - being sworn &c. say

Quest. In what business were you engaged on or about the 14th of June 1853

Ans. I was telegraphing & working at dentistry &c. had charge of the Special line to Erie & Mich. Tel. Co. office

Quest. State whether you received a dispatch from S. J. Randall for transmission by telegraph to Merrill &c about that time if so what was the language of said dispatch & what did you do with it. state all you know about it

Ans. My books show that I received a dispatch from him that day - the language of which I cannot tell having no copy or the original - I transmitted it to Erie -

Quest. Did Mr Randall ever call upon you afterward to enquire about said dispatch & if so what was said and done at that time

Objected to so far as relating to the conversation or declaration of self

Ans. He called on me for the dispatch & I showed it to him - he wanted a copy of it & I gave him one, or what I suppose to be a copy -

Quest. State if you ~~can~~ know what has been done with the original dispatch

Ans. I do not know -

Quest. When did you last see the original dispatch, & what did you do with it

Ans. I cannot tell -

Quest. How is it your custom to dispose of dispatches you receive & transmit

Ans. I am accustomed to file them away, once a week or once a month, depending upon the amount of business

Quest. Have you then files now & if not who has

them where are they.)

Ans. I have them.

Quest. Is the original dispatch handed you by said Randall among the files & if not have you any knowledge of its whereabouts?

Ans. I have examined the files and cannot find it. have no knowledge of its whereabouts.

Quest. Do you know whether the Superintendent of the line ever had possession of said dispatch?

Ans. I have never seen it in his possession.

Quest. Did the Superintendent ever call upon you for it. if so when & what transpired in reference to this matter?

Ans. The Superintendent called upon me to see it, but I cannot tell at what time, or what was done or said.

Quest. Have you ever seen said original dispatch since the Superintendent called to see it at the time above alluded to?

Ans. I cannot tell you, I may & I may not, I don't recollect.

Quest. State whether you have ever seen the paper herewith attached & marked A, whether you wrote it, if so at whose request & what it was intended for?

Ans. I have seen it, I wrote it for L. J. Randall at his request. & intended it as a copy of the dispatch above alluded to, but may not be correct.

Quest. Did you copy it from the original?

Ans. I cannot tell, probability; I did.

Quest. When did you last examine your files for said original message or dispatch?

Ans. I cannot say definitely.

Quest. Has the dispatch above referred to, been paid for?

Waterford, Jan'y 14th 1853

Yr. dispatch to me in
reply to my wine mss. just came
to hand, I came up Linn, got \$85,
to be telegraphed out & \$600, promised
& about 10 miles out of fifteen
police, they commence sitting
strong on Monday, some want
stock, I will have to take some
so, I think the prospects
pretty fair that we can raise
in stock enough to pay for
the wine, but not certain
yet, I shall know in a few
days, D's says you have loaned
your son to Hoxton, is that so?
& will he work it? or has he bought
you off - If you work it, I can
get a young but first rate
operater for D's a very steady,
nice boy & reads very readily

by sound, could attend the
Committee well. Best fellows I
know of, for D.B. He can't leave
for month or so. I take it for
granted that the prospects for a union
are small or you would not sell
or leave. How is it, Pls. reply, & I
have fixed Lin's print notes, been
now some ten days doing what
I have towards the Waterford Lin
of. I get disappointed in the work
it will fall through I fear.
If there were any one in D.B. now
I could do a good business
but neither you nor I have
an operator there now. I hear
from him, I was over there
yesterday. Pls. write me
fully about prospects of
union. I see O'Rully beat
Morse in one trial.

Yours
H. P. P. W.

Account of business sent from Westminister
 Line, over Elmwood & Co. Line, & over
 NY Albany & Buffalo Line - with the Ams
 that the Elmwood & Co. Line had
 to pay to J. F. Hayton:

Months of December			Hayton Line
From J. to L. Compton W. 18. Wm. 27.	Elmwood & Co. Line	62	
From W. to P. Compton J. 10	25	40	
" Ratto to W. Lake Albany B. 80 ^{cts}	30	42	
" Onago to P. Mc Osago 10.00.	25	45	
" Arrived to Abono Cal in Oro.	25	45	
" Onago to B. H. Philips W. York. p. in Oro.	25	40	
" J. to B. Collins Buffalo p. in f.	25	30	
" Arrived to Abono	30	66	
" Onago H. Newbro W. 9.00.	20	40	
" J. to W. R. Wood Auburn 10 f. 50	25	25	
From L. G. Hunt to Albany 13. f. 76	20	46	

481
477
 898

The amt of Business from Mr Cornell's
 Line, sent over E. & Co. Line, & so over
 J. F. Hayton Line in November amounted to 481
 which sum I have paid Mr Hayton - 9.62

The as^{of} the items I forwarded to
 Mr Cornell, while in New York City in
 December: The whole sum off 9.62
 I have paid Mr Hayton: I make no
 charge of the business, sent over our
 Line & business, sent to Elmwood: all I
 ask is what I have paid Mr Hayton, for
 business from Cornell's line

W. H. Gibbs

To J. H. Tichenor Ithaca

Lefferson
 Jan 15, '83

		Dr line	Chas. Dr's
1853			
Jan 6	Come to Chicago	25	40
7	for 8 th via Bu	25	65
8	to Rk via Bu	25	50
10	to Bu	30	
		✓ 105	195
15	by Acid & Leuck silver on hand	150	
		✓ 195	
		Total	450

1853			
Jan 8	Nitric Acid 6 pounds		150
"	1/2 " Leuck silver		69
4	horse hire to Am	✓	125
7	" " & Expenses on line	✓	169
14	" " " " " "	"	248
			801

Pike Jan 15 1853

Dear Sir

Above I send you report of this month thus far & as you have it up to that time I suppose that is all that is necessary and suffice it to say I have worked three months & a half to the best of my ability and with as good economy as possible and am sorry to

I better not refuse untill I know
whether I am wanted or not ha ha
please excuse my bad writing for
I am in a great hurry & must close
for the present, write me when
you get located,

Yours in H. L. & C.
D. P. Gordon

L. H. Fishener Esq
Massa

have it turn out thus but have the
Satisfaction of knowing it is not my
fault, I have kept up all bills against
the Company in this vicinity and find
a balance due me from July 24th 1852
to Jan'y 15 1853 of crinty Eight Dollars &
twenty Eight cents

You wished me to inform
you of the number of bots & where
I think there has been but four west
on my rout one 30 miles one 25 miles
1 about 16 miles & 1 8 miles & I think I
have sent through 33 miles 4 or 5 times
I have been east to An 5 times once
6 miles once 18 miles & once 25 miles
the last bot but one I sent to An the
same day & after waiting two days more
sent again which was the 18 mile one
last Wednesday it failed again & Thursday I
sent out 25 or 6 miles & got it Ok that
eve, the line has been down in some
cases longer than it should but I have
lost all confidence in Operators & knew
not what to do some times & I think I
will never take an ops again with 50 miles
of line & an op at one end who dont
know enough to make a ground connection
when line is down, but perhaps

New York Jan^y 16th 1853.

Dear Sir

The day you left me at Utica and before I left for Mr. Butterfield & his friend Gardner agreed to furnish the funds to purchase the Ohio S & S stock, but after I got to N. Y. they backed out, and have since backed in again and telegraph me that Mr. Faxton who is to be here tomorrow will carry the arrangement into effect. Tomorrow will probably determine if he does so. If not, Chester will aid in raising the funds to the extent of \$5,000 - as far as he can by giving a second mortgage on his house as collateral security (there is, \$5,000) already on his house. There is some way in store for the accomplishment of this object.

My mind has been much exercised for a time past on the subject of the facsimile telegraph, and I am not sure but the thing could be effected the easiest by writing the message on firm paper with a hard point so as to indent the writing in the paper which should be put on a cylinder upon the surface of which rests a tracing point attached to one end of a lever so adjusted that when the tracing point fell into an indentation in the paper the opposite end would close the circuit and produce a corresponding mark at the other end, and when the point raised out of the indentation it would so depress the other end as to break the ci-

If the paper containing the copy could be fixed to the cylinder with precision enough to cause the lever to close & break the circuit with accuracy it would be the best plan yet suggested, as it would remove much of the complication incident to other modes. With the adoption of this plan, the chemical decomposition would be the best mode of recording at the other end.

I think a plan that closes the ci when the form of copy is passing is preferable for several reasons among which is the fact that it would remove our plans much further from identity with the English fac simile which I consider as desirable, for it is certain that the invention if successful would be claimed as theirs.

If to break the circuit must be the plan then the scyphon will be indispensable at the recording end so as to avoid the local ci.

It is also a subject worthy of consideration whether the fillet of paper is not the better plan to arrange the paper it, You will answer no for long messages, and that may be so for all classes of messages perhaps.

The subject is surrounded with very many practical difficulties.

The magnets for the new instruments are at the Express office but as I have not \$12.50

to pay for them. I have not yet called for them, and have not seen them, Rodgers is getting on with the rest of the work, and I suppose will have it done in a few days.

I have to get ready to bid good bye to Gotham during the week.

O'Reilly sent round to me yesterday to borrow \$10, which I did not have to to him or use myself but I had \$5, which I had borrowed for my own use and I sent that to him, going without my self. My wants are few, and I can get along with little money for my personal use, my breakfast cost 9cts, Dinner 3¢ & Supper 3¢ all 1/3 and I have had all that my good appetite demands — My Room & bed costs 2/6 per day which is about as low as I can get a room with a good clean bed to myself for.

Keep a look out for Congressional proceedings & you will soon see a new scheme for a line to California to be put under ground, from Alden of Boston & Eddy of Bangor.

No time to write now tonight so
Good night.

Yours respectfully
E. Corvill

J. J. Spred for Esq

Whereas, at a meeting of the New York and West
ern Union Telegraph Company, held at the office
of the Company in the City of New York on the 18th
day of January 1853, a resolution was passed
in the words following, to wit: "Resolved that
the capital of this Company shall be increased
to \$135,000, to be divided into twenty seven
hundred shares, rated at \$50.00 each, of
which eleven hundred shares shall be retained
by the Company as its joint property till the
further order of the board, eleven hundred
shares shall be issued to the present stock
holders in proportion to the number of shares
held by each, and the remaining five hun-
dred shares shall be issued to persons who
may hereafter subscribe for stock of the Com-
pany, and the President and Secretary are
hereby authorized to issue certificates of stock
accordingly. All payments from new subscri-
bers to the stock of the Company to the ex-
tent of five hundred shares, or so much
thereof as may be necessary, is hereby pledged
to defray the expenses of putting up said second
issue, furnishing instruments therefor, and other
necessary expenses attending the same. Payment
for the same may be received in labor or ma-

tenals. This resolution shall not be operative until approved and confirmed by a written ratification of all the present stock holders in the Company to be duly filed with the Secretary." Now Therefore, we the stockholders of said Company, and owning the number of shares set opposite our names respectively, do hereby in all things approve, allow and confirm the resolution aforesaid as Witness our respective hands and seals.

E. W. Chester 100 Shares

E. Cornell

J. S. L. L. L. L. L.

18th Jan. 1853

Resolved that the Capital of this Company shall be increased to \$135,000 to be divided into twenty seven hundred shares of ~~five~~ ^{eleven hundred & twenty} rated at \$50.00 each, of which ~~the present stockholders~~ ^{the present stockholders} ~~fifty five thousand~~ shall be retained by the Company as its joint property ^{the further order of the Board} eleven hundred ^{shares shall be} issued to the present stock holders in proportion to the number of shares held by each & the remaining five hundred shares shall be issued to persons who may ^{hereafter} subscribe for stock ~~to put up a second~~ ^{time} of the Company, and the President & Secretary of the Company are hereby authorized to give certificates of stock accordingly, ~~for the five hundred~~ ^{new} shares to receive ~~payment~~ ^{to the} all payments on account of new subscribers of stock, ~~to the~~ ^{of the Co} to the extent of five hundred shares, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby pledged to defray the expense of putting up said second wine, furnishing instruments therefor & other necessary expenses attending the same. Payment for the same may be rec'd in labor or materials. This Resolution shall not be operative until ~~and~~

At a meeting of the Board held at the office of the
President in the City of New York on the 18th day of
January 1852 - Present the President & Messrs Cornell
& Hopkins

approved & confirmed by a written ratification of all
the present stock holders in the company to be duly
filed with the Secretary

and the adjourned

Meeting held 18 Jan 1852, Present the President
& Messrs Cornell & Hopkins See above

at a meeting of directors of the Company held at the office
of its President Jan. 18. 1853 present the President &
Messrs Cornell & Hopkins.

~~Resolved that the President be and is hereby~~
~~authorized to make arrangements for getting~~
~~a wire upon the N.Y. & E. RR poles from~~
~~Jessy City to Dunkirk and contract for the~~
~~same at a sum not to exceed \$25,000,~~
~~dollars in the stock of the N.Y. & W. U. Tel Co -~~
~~or the proceeds of stock to be issued.~~
~~Provided at the same time that the working~~
~~of said line shall not involve this company~~
~~in any expense during the existence of the~~
~~lease to the N.Y. & A. Buffalo Tel Co.~~

Resolved that the President is hereby authorized to
lease the N.Y. & W. U. Tel line and its fixtures, property
and rights to the N.Y. & A. Buffalo Tel Co. for a term
of 2 years for the sum of \$2,000 - per year with
the privilege for the N.Y. & A. B. Co to obtain it
3 years beyond the 2 first years on the same
terms. The said N.Y. & A. B. Tel Co to keep
the line in repair and at work during the
time of said lease,

Resolved that the President be and is hereby
authorized to make arrangements for getting
a wire upon the N.Y. & E. RR poles from
Jessy City to Dunkirk and contract for the
same at a sum not to exceed \$25,000,
dollars in the stock of the N.Y. & W. U. Tel Co -
or the proceeds of stock to be issued.
Provided at the same time that the working
of said line shall not involve this company
in any expense during the existence of the
lease to the N.Y. & A. Buffalo Tel Co.

Resolved that the Capital of the N.Y. & W. Union
Telegraph Co ~~shall~~ be increased so as to represent
\$135,000 including the second wire, and that
the president is hereby authorized to procure &
issue certificates of stock to the respective stock

D. H. Craig Esq
 1852 To N.Y. & W. Western Tel. Co. Dr
 Decr 23. To 23 words from George .84
 1853 29 " 62 " " Housdale 1.91
 Jan^y 3 " 65 " " Binghamton 2.10
 " 8 " 56 " " Dunkirk 2.34
 " 12 " 31 " "

Whereas at a meeting of the New York and Western Union Telegraph Company held at the office of the company in the City of New York on the 18th day of January 1855 a resolution was passed in the words following, to wit:-

Now therefore we the stock-holders of said Company & owning the number of shares set opposite our names respectively do hereby in all things approve, allow & confirm the resolution aforesaid as witness our hands & seals this 18th day of January 1855

Stockholders
 Disclaim Meeting
 Jan 18 1855

This Indenture made this Eighteenth day of January in the year 1853 between the New York & Western Union Telegraph Company of the first part, and the New York, Albany & Buffalo Electro Magnetic Telegraph Company of the second part, Witnesseth;

That the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the covenants and agreements of the party of the second part herein after contained, hereby lets and leases to the said party of the second part the Line of Telegraph of the party of the first part from the City of New York to Dunkirk on Lake Erie together with the poles, wires, fixtures, ~~instruments~~, batteries, ~~office~~ furniture, and all things to the Company belonging pertaining to the working of said Telegraph Line, together with the good will of the same, for the Term of Two years from and after the first day of February 1853, to be complete and ended.

And the party of the second part in consideration of the lease herein contained hereby covenants and agrees with the party of the first part to pay them as rent for the same the sum of two thousand Dollars per annum payable half yearly, that is to say, one thousand Dollars on the first days of August and the first days of February in each & every year during the continuance of ~~this~~ lease; And the said party of the second part further covenants and agrees with the party of the first part to occupy, use and work the line hereby leased, in a suitable & proper manner to keep up the same & to preserve its good will, and to keep the same ^{& the property hereby leased} in good and suitable repair & to surrender the same at the expiration of the said lease to the said party of the first part.

And the said party of the first part hereby covenants & agrees with the party of the second

party, (the said party of the second part keeping and performing the covenants of said party of the second part herein contained,) that if the said party of the second part shall by a written notice to the party of the first part to be given not less than three months before the termination of this lease, require a renewal of this lease for the further term of three years to commence on the termination of this present lease, the said party shall on receiving such notice or within a reasonable time thereafter execute with the party of the second part a renewal of this lease, with the same terms, conditions and covenants herein contained, for the further term of three years.

It is understood that the party of the second part shall have and enjoy all the privileges belonging or pertaining to the party of the first part under an agreement with the New York & Erie Rail Road Company for the passage without charge over said Road of the Superintendent, repairers & operators of the party of the first part.

In testimony whereof the said parties have caused these presents to be subscribed by their respective ^{id} presents in behalf of said parties, and also the seal of the party of the first part to be hereunto affixed, executing the same interchangeably the day & year first above written.

Signed sealed & delivered
in presence of
Geo. F. Chester

Elisha W. Chester President
of the New York & Western Telegraph
Company

J. H. Van Buren
of the New York, Albany & Buffalo
Electric & Mechanical Telegraph Co.

John L Speed Junior having agreed with the
party of the second part to above instrument to keep
up the lease hereby leased & to be answerable for the
working of the same & keeping it in repair from the
Town of Dansville to Dunkirk, It is understood that the
party of the first part will hold the party of the second part
responsible for his covenants to keep in repair the
said line between the said Town of Dansville &
Dunkirk from further than the said party of the second
part shall be protected in that behalf by said Speed:

E. W. Chester Pres

Witness
Gro. F. Chester }